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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Vetter and the paper, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first placs mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents/Washington, D.C. 20231 on 29 June 2001

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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) respectfully submit(s) the items of information on the enclosed Form 1449 for the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application.

This statement should be considered because it is filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

A copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is enclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) and/or a copy of each document is <u>not</u> provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a parent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §.1.98(d).

International Publication Numbers WO 99/33290 and WO 95/01690 and European Patent Numbers 0 831 664 and 0 481 683 were cited in an International Search Report for PCT/FI99/00788.

U.S. Patent Number 5,664,009, European Patent Number 0 889552, Great Britain reference 2 294 608, and German reference 4415168 were cited in an Official Action issued during prosecution of the priority application, FI 982061. U.S. Patent Number 5,854,827 is the corresponding English language equivalent of DE 4415168 and is being submitted herewith.

European Telecommunications and Standards Institute references 300 324-1 and 300 347-1 and Mouly, et al.'s The GSM System for Mobile Communications reference were informally cited in the specification.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103. In addition, Applicant(s) do(es) not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended, and reserve the right to establish otherwise under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 or others.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. According to M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant(s) request(s) that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments that may be deemed necessary to Deposit Account Number 50-1038.

Respectfully submitted,

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